First Release Of Major Book By MSU Press

The Memphis State University Press will release its first major book this fall since its reorganization last year — a dramatic history of the "Night Riders of Reelfoot Lake."

Vanderwood

The book is written by Paul J. Vanderwood, former staff writer for The Press-Scimitar. Vanderwood is now a candidate for a doctor's degree in history at the University of Texas at Austin.

The hard-cover book reconstructs the 1908 campaign by the lake's settlers to intimidate a land company seeking to develop the lake district for profit.

The MSU Press was reorganized when the university took over the charter of the dormant, privately directed Press, which published five books between 1954 and 1964. Vanderwood's book will be released in mid-October.